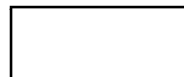




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- b. As of 26 July, the 439 Battalion of 175 Regiment was 20 kilometers east of An Chau (106-43, 21-16) while the 215 Battalion was 30 kilometers south of Chu (106-34, 21-22).
- c. As of 27 July, Headquarters of the 174 Regiment was four kilometers northwest of Loc Binh (106-55, 21-44), 149 Battalion was in the vicinity of Lang Son, and 155 Battalion was eight kilometers south-east of Lang Son.

6. 308 Division

- a. The 322 Battalion of 88 Regiment was in Thai Nguyen as of 19 July.

7. 306 Division

- a. The Division was at Thai Nguyen on 2 August and was not up to combat strength.

25X1   Comment. The continued presence of strong DRV regular forces in northern Annam remains puzzling. To date these units have shown no direct signs of preparing for an offensive. Their presence may be a tactic designed to (a) extend French lines, (b) cover possible large-scale Chinese Communist "infiltration" from Yunnan and/or (c) prepare the way for a DRV offensive into Laos.

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